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**Celebrate this great American holiday with
some great Americans — our sons and
daughters in uniform.**



If you want to open
your home to two of
Fort Sam Houston's
trainee soldiers for
Thanksgiving Day
Please call 221-
3390 or 4362
before November
15.

USARSO Soldier expresses Thanks & Gratitude

By SSG Angel Marrero

I want to express my gratitude and respect to each and everyone of you who supported me, helped me or prayed for me in my time of need. While in the hospital I wrote a small poem and am dedicating it to all of you. God bless and I thank you again. I could not have through the difficult times with out you.

*This cannot go without being
mentioned; I am so proud of a
few of my friends that I couldn't
let this go without being
mentionined;*

*Friends that were not my
sister or brother or any close
relation.*

*Friends who took their time
to pray, to call, to visit, to fix
me food without hesitation;
I ask the Lord what have I
done to deserve all this
attention, and what can I do to*

repay their dedication?

*So I asked today to be here
in front of this crowd; to let
everyone know that this cannot
go without being mentioned.*

*God bless each and every
one of my friends for giving
me so much motivation for I
am not rich, but will show you
my appreciation.*



**COMMAND'S
HAIL AND FAREWELL**

FIESTA

MUSIC

WHO: USARSO STAFF

WHEN: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2004

@ 1531HRS UNTIL ???

**WHERE: WEST WING GROUNDS
ADJACENT TO BLDG 1000**

FOOD

CASH BAR

Reserve Component Soldiers

Weekend Warriors, Citizen Soldiers, Part-time Heroes and many other clichés referring to the Army Reserve or National Guard Soldier. These Soldiers are often looked upon with a frown because of their part-time status within the U.S. Army forces, but there is one thing quite apparent within USARSO, the Soldiers that wear these hats are enablers for the command. The Reserve Component allows this command to do more with fewer resources by providing well trained experienced Soldiers to meet specific needs and challenges for mission critical tasks and actions.

As we all know, USARSO has executed two geographical moves in recent years, and every move resulted in a reduction of Active Component resources. Therefore, U. S. Army Reserve and National Guard personnel are critical to the operational success within the command's Area of Responsibility. Over 50% of USARSO's authorized strength is Army Reserve or National Guard in a Troop Program Unit (TPU)

status. These Soldiers are embedded in the directorates and staff sections by paragraph and line number, and are ready, willing and able to make a difference.

In FY04, this command employed 78 TPU Soldiers on tours of greater than 30 days, totaling 7,893 man-days. That equates to approximately 22 Full-Time Support Soldiers. These Soldiers contributed to the operational success of key exercises and special projects, and gave support augmentation to staffs throughout the command. Reserve or National Guard Soldiers can be brought on orders to fulfill requirements in the following ways:

Regular Drill (if they belong to USARSO DET 2/3, 24 days per FY)
Annual Training (if they belong to USARSO DET 2/3, 14 days per FY)
Operational Tour of Temporary Duty (OPTTAD, 31-179 days per FY)
Active Duty Special Work (ADSW, 31-139 days per FY)
Active Duty for Training (ADT, MOS enhanced training only, 31-139 days per FY)
The above training or tours can be affected by USARSO with proper

documents to request orders. The request for orders should be submitted to DCSRA at least 14 days prior to the requested start date of the order. This ensures that the Soldier's records are properly screened and that Soldier meets all training requirements necessary to perform the mission. The one thing that is most important to remember is a Reserve Component Soldier can only perform 179 days maximum per fiscal year in a Title 10 status unless approved by DA-G3 and the Assistant Secretary of the Army (ASA) for continued duty. Go to the USARSO Home Page, DCSRA, for additional information on tours. There are several types of tours such as a Contingency Tour of Temporary Duty (COTTAD), and a Mobilization and Extended Active Duty (EAD) tour that must be approved at the Department of the Army level. These tours can range in duration from 270 days to 36 months because they usually fall under contingency missions or valid Active Component manpower ceilings. **(SUBMITTED BY: MAJ Vonna R. Baxter)**

US Army South G8 closes out Fiscal Year 2004

DCS-G8 closed out Fiscal Year 2004 on September 30th having spent 100% of the annual allocation. Thanks to all those whose efforts throughout the year made it possible for one of the smoothest close-outs we've experienced in a long time. Defense Finance and Accounting Service – Orlando (DFAS-ORL) as our servicing DFAS, runs a competition each year to recognize the first two units to close out their books – this year we tied for second with US Army Special Operations Command, closing out at 2350 hours. Next year, look out SOC – we're only going to get better. We'd also like to welcome some new personnel in the G8.

Christina Barnes is an accountant working in Financial Services Division.

Tammy Ward is a Budget Analyst working in the Mission Support Branch.

Jacquelyn McCormick and Mike Messenger are working in the DA Intern Program and have recently begun a 90-day training rotation in the G8.

We will also be saying farewell to Debi Willard, Budget Analyst in Mission Support Branch. Debi has accepted another position with AMEDDCS on Fort Sam Houston. Best wishes to her in her new position. DCS-G8 has initiated all required training to launch the Defense Travel System (DTS)

program within USARSO and subordinates units. The learning curve for this new program may be extensive, but as familiarity is gained, you'll wonder how you ever did without it. Please complete your online test ASAP so that you can approve your personnel travel requests and vouchers. Training is available for Travelers and Certifying Officials on the USARSO Web Site at <http://www.usarso.army.mil/DCSG8/DFTS.aspx>. Additional training for proper use of the Government Travel Charge Card is also available at <http://www.usarso.army.mil/DCSG8/manpower.aspx>. **(SUBMITTED BY: LTC Brad Ramey)**

First Aid Abroad

"The alternative to a vacation is to stay home and tip every third person you see". Anonymous.

Most accidents and many illnesses are preventable. Still, once they happen, you need to be able to do something about it, at least until you can get to a clinic or hospital. This article will address some of the more common issues you may have to deal with on the road. To prevent problems, boil it, peel it, wear good footwear, get plenty of sleep and fluids, don't pet the native beasts or the natives, and be careful with alcohol. Wear a seatbelt. Things still happen, of course, but at least you can then be sick with a clear conscience.

Boo boos. Open wounds, (cuts and scrapes), are the most common injury. In unsanitary moist environments, wounds are more prone to becoming infected. Just so you know, human bites are HIGHLY prone to infection, as the bacteria that live in a mouth, have already shown they live in a human being quite well. Another good reason not to pet the natives. I like Hydrogen Peroxide after anti-bacterial soap washing, as the best way to cleanse fresh wounds. The hydrogen peroxide penetrates well, and does not harm healthy tissue. It can lose potency over time, so if it is an old bottle and does not bubble when you use it, it's probably no good. Dead ragged skin should be trimmed away. Apply direct pressure and elevate the wound above the heart to control bleeding. That should be enough for the majority of injuries. Antibacterial creams are OK. The most important thing is to keep it clean but exposed to air. Mesh gauze that you change every day for the first

2-3 days is usually enough for an injury that does not require stitches. If it turns red, especially if the redness starts to spread towards the body, seek professional help right away. If you have not had a tetanus shot within five years, time to get a booster. We require a booster every ten years for everyone, but if a bad wound happens after five years from the last one, we usually give the booster then.

Burns: Butter is BAD! It traps heat, and makes a great food for bacteria that could then go on to infect the wound, if it is open. Cool quickly. Ice water good. Ice bad. Too long direct contact with ice can make it worse. 1st degree burn (sunburn), leave to air. Put on any kind of goop you want. Voltaire said Medicine was the art of entertaining the patient while nature took its course. Treatment for sunburn is a classic example. Second degree burn (blisters): Do not pop blisters if you can help it. That blister is the best sterile dressing there is. Put a telfa or other non-adherent dressing on it. Change daily first 2-3 days, then every other day until you feel it is not necessary. Motrin/tylenol/whatever for pain. Third degree burn (charring): Cover with sterile dressing, soaked in chilled water fine. Seek medical care right away.

Blisters: If due to walking; you should check feet regularly. If you see a red/"hot spot", change socks, adjust the lacing of the shoe, apply moleskin or duct tape (yes, duct tape!), or even vaseline, but something to change the friction on that spot before it becomes a blister. Once it is blistered, try to keep it intact (see burn above). Cover with telfa pad. If it pops, keep the overlying skin in place. Wash

it, place antibiotic cream on it, (one time I DO recommend such creams), cover with telfa pad, and limp on.

Nosebleeds: Sit up. Pinch nose firmly for 15 minutes. That should do it. Avoid aspirin and motrin for 24 hours, as they can make you more apt to rebleed. Apply ice to nose if possible. If bleeding cannot be controlled, seek medical aid.

Dental: Broken tooth should be placed in milk and taken with you to dentist, in case it can be saved. If you do not have milk, keep it in your mouth, stored like snuff dippers keep snuff, in your cheek. If you cannot get to dentist within 30 minutes, chances of saving go down. Oil of clove can be bought at pharmacies world wide and is a very effective analgesic for dental pain, (see movie Marathon Man with Dustin Hoffman). Some folks with crowns can experience pain with changes in altitude due to trapped air within. Uncomfortable, but I've never heard of the crown being "blown" off.

Strains/sprains: These are what we call "soft tissue" injuries, as opposed to fractures, which I guess you could call "hard tissue". If the joint has a new angle, you can't stand on it, or you can point with one finger to where it hurts, it is probably a fracture. Fractures need to be stabilized exactly the way they are and taken to a professional. Strains/sprains are treated with RICE A: Rest Ice Compression, Elevation, and Aspirin. Rest. (Stay off as much as possible). Ice (cool it). Again, as much as possible. Heat the first 72 hours after injury make the swelling worse. Compression. Ace wrap. Elevate. Level with pelvis is fine. Aspirin or motrin or alleve, if you are not allergic to these meds.

Oh, and you can combine tylenol and aspirin/motrin, each at max dose, as the body metabolizes them differently, so there is added benefit without added toxicity. This combination is also good for fever.

Head injuries. If mild with no loss of consciousness, direct pressure for bleeding and ice for the swelling and pain, is usually enough. If the person loses consciousness, and especially if they are confused or start vomiting, take them to see a doctor right away!

Eye infection: Pink eye: Symptoms/signs are red eye, lids stick together, pus in eye. Needs antibiotic, but regular irrigation with clean water will help until you can get drops. Wash hands frequently, don't touch eyes, and don't share towels with anyone else.

Eye injuries, flush with clean water, and if vision severely affected, (more than just blurry from tears and water) seek care right away.

Diarrhea is an article on its own. Something to look forward to.

Traveller's first aid kit:

Antibiotic cream.
Your usual medications.
Malaria pills, if prescribed.
Altitude pills, if prescribed.
Lomotil, or other anti-diarrheal med.
Sterile 2x2 and 4x4 gauze with FABRIC (not paper) tape.
One ace wrap.
Couple of non-adhesive (Telfa) pads.
eye drops.
Laxative
dramamine for motion sickness or sleep aid.
antacid or zantac
peptobismol tabs (take with uncertain food to lessen chance of diarrhea).
sunscreen
Insect repellent, (deet at least 20%).
Antifungal cream.
Moleskin Happy Trails!
(SUBMITTED BY: COL Bradley Harper)

Flu Shots/Prophy Update

There is a product called Zycam that is available at Wallgreens. We know that viruses cannot grow in the presence of zinc. Taking tablets, as recommended below, have not been shown to be very effective, because the virus attacks the cells which line the nasal passages, and a pill in the stomach does not translate very well to the mucas in your nose.

Zycam is an emulsion containing zinc which coats the nasal passages. I tried to do a study at Ft Lee to see if we could reduce lost training time by issuing a bottle to every soldier going through AIT BEFORE they got sick, but was unable to do the funding. One study by the VA suggested a two day reduction in symptoms of colds by starting this at the first sign of infection. I honestly know of no study which measured it's effectiveness of preventing an infection, either flu or a common cold. Still, if someone close to you became ill, it could not hurt to try it. It is not absorbed by the body, so is absolutely safe for anyone to use. (SUBMITTED BY: COL Bradley Harper)

Helping Hands program

Helping families in need, that is what the Holiday Helping Hands program (HHH) is all about. You can be a part of this wonderful program that has been making a difference in lives of the people of Fort Sam Houston since 1996. Many of us from USARSO will be volunteering our own time on December 16th to work a few hours in the gift wrap booth. You can sign up at the USARSO Command Chaplain office on the 6th floor. The booth, located in the PX area is the primary way in which funds are raised for the program.

In addition, USARSO will hold a toy drive the first two weeks of December. There will be collection boxes for toys that will be used to stock the toy warehouse.

Several years ago, a dozen or so organizations from all over our community attempted to assist those families that were in need for the

holidays. With all the duplication of efforts, many were missed.

In 1996, HHH was created as the one organization to accomplish this vital mission. This support is realized in both Commissary food vouchers and a toy warehouse for children from birth to 17 years old.

The mission is to insure that our families have a traditional holiday meal on the table and no child wakes up on Christmas morning without a present under the tree.

This mission is accomplished with new toy donations by individuals and organizations. HHH assists Santa Claus as he visits BAMC, the Fisher House, and delivers gifts to children living on post.

If there is a family in USARSO that you think may need help, contact SFC Apodaca in the command chaplain office at 295-6241 for an assistance application. (SUBMITTED BY: COL Fred Hoadley)

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3 December 2004



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**US Army South,
2004-2005
Combined Federal
Campaign (CFC)**

Government Purchase Card Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q When I attempted to access my account I received an error message stating "the account is inactive."

What should I do?

A This error message is not unusual and happens as a result of two factors (1) account inactivity for more than 60 days or (2) three unsuccessful login attempts. Card holder or billing official should call US Bank customer service at 1-888-994-6722. When the recording instructs you to enter the account number, simply hit the star (*) key on your touchtone phone. A customer service representative will come on line. Request your account be unlocked. You will be required to provide your USER ID and verification code. Your account will be unlocked and you will be provided a generic password to change to a secure one.

Q As a billing official how often should I review my account? We did not make GPC purchases last month so why should I logon and check my account?

A Billing Official accounts should be reviewed at least once per cycle regardless of activity/inactivity. US Bank provides a monthly rebate based on timely certification of your invoice. This rebate posts the next billing cycle and must also be certified. Q Why can't we use E-Bay or Pay Pal? A Merchants such as E-Bay and Pay Pal are considered to be "third parties" and the Government does not do business thru intermediaries. Prior to placing an order, the cardholder should confirm that the merchant accepts credit cards. Q I've received orders for a permanent change of station, when should I stop using my GPC card? A When possible, card use should cease at least 30 days prior to departure. This allows for all charges to hit the cardholder's statement and be approved by CH prior to departure.

Q. Taxes were added to my order.

How do I recoup this?

A The US Government is tax exempt. Cardholder should contact the merchant and request they take the tax off the transaction and "credit" the amount back to the cardholder's

statement. If you have a question, contact the Agency Program Coordinator, Angela F. Holloway at: Angela.Holloway@samhouston.army.mil.

(SUBMITTED BY: Angela Holloway)

USARSO INSPECTOR GENERAL

Recently, the U.S. Army Medical Command Inspector General published an article in the Department of the Army Inspector General Bulletin titled, *Denial of Medical Benefits??* The article discussed the root cause of many of the complaints and requests for assistance the MEDCOM IG receives in regards to the denial of medical benefits. We would like to share that article with you.

We receive many requests for assistance due to a denial of medical care, e.g. prescriptions may not be filled, medical claims denied (requiring a potential out of pocket payment), or cannot make an appointment at a Military Treatment Facility (MTF) or with a TRICARE network provider. The vast majority of these requests for assistance are NOT medical issues, but are due to outdated DEERS entries. That is, the root problem is not medical, but personnel administration. It is important for beneficiaries to update their Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) record when eligibility and personal information changes. These include changes in military career (reenlistment, retire, etc.), address, family status (marriage, divorce, birth, adoption, etc.). Remember: Each family

member's eligibility record must be updated separately when changes occur. A change in address can be updated in DEERS several ways: Visit the DEERS website at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/udpri/owa/change.address> - this is the quick and easy way to do it! Visit the ID card section at the Fort Sam Houston Welcome Center, building 367, Stanley Road. Hours of operation are 0715-1100, Monday to Friday for walk-in and 1245-1515 Monday to Friday for appointments. Their phone number is 295-8829 or 295-8809. Call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office telephone center at 1-800-538-9552. To update information other than address, important pieces of documentation such as marriage, birth, or death certificates, DD 214s, etc will be required. Contact the nearest military ID card facility to find out what documents are needed to update eligibility information in DEERS. For basic information on eligibility, review the TRICARE Eligibility Fact Sheet at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/factsheets/> and the TRICARE Eligibility Frequently Asked Questions web page at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/frequentlyaskquestions.htm>
(SUBMITTED BY: LTC Scott Bickel)

The Conference of American Armies

The Conference of American Armies (CAA) Web Administration Staff (Mr. Manuel Espendez - Systems Administrator, Mr. See Tommee - Webmaster and Mr. Javier A. Castro - Web Developer) have been busy developing and implementing new technologies for the CAA website (www.redcea.com) in order to provide 20 Latin American Armies a more efficient way of collaborating and sharing information. These changes not only add more value to the existing website, but open up new doors and broaden the scope of what the system can offer. As we move forward in this decade, the advances and commonalities between our Latin American neighbors and allies continue to strengthen as we struggle together to overcome the challenges of today.

As part of the ongoing efforts to better the CAA website, new services and applications are being researched, developed and implemented such as a new database driven website which is currently under development and will replace the current static website in the near future. This website will provide greater ease of use and a more robust and effective way of storing, processing and displaying data. It will also provide personalized and user customized menus. A Virtual Private Network (VPN) service has been implemented and is being tested. This VPN will enable the CAA members to connect to the CAA Network securely where they can store data on their own personal space and utilize messaging and collaboration applications. Other services and applications being researched, tested and implemented include web based Forums, Instant Messaging applications and chat services.

The Web Administration team's goal is to expand the CAA Web systems to accommodate new technologies to further enhance the user experience and value. The best is yet to come. Take a few minutes of your time and go to the CAA website at www.redcea.com and see the incredible things Manuel, See and Javier have been doing. There is nothing better than having dedicated people like these in the Regional Affairs (G5) Directorate. Thanks from everyone! (SUBMITTED BY: COL Bruce Driver)

USARSO SPOUSES' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October/November 2004 (note: to be updated throughout the holiday season)

10 November USARSO Coffee for ALL Military and Civilian Spouses

Hostess: Sylvette Cancel and Wendy Ruiz

Where: Home of Sylvette Cancel
13510 Chamber Oaks in "Summerfield" subdivision, San Antonio (directions from FSH: take Harry Wurzbach to I-410 West exiting at Exit #19B Military Hwy/ Castle Hills; stay on NW Military Hwy passing 6 stop lights; after passing 6th stop light at Wurzbach Parkway intersection look for the EXXON gas station on right side and turn right at Fairfield Bend Drive continuing to the guard house of the "Summerfield" Subdivision; inform the guard that you are attending the USARSO Social Coffee and he will provide you a map to 13510 Chamber Oaks.

Time: 6:30pm Program: Carol Husband, FSH Club Events Coordinator, will teach us how to make a Thanksgiving flower

arrangement. The rest of the time will be a social.

RSVP: Sylvette at 408-4597 or Wendy at 493-8420. Please bring a dish to share.

16 November OCSC Luncheon

Where: FSH O'Club

Time: 11:00am

Make your reservation with your menu choice before noon, Friday, November 12. POC: Sigrid Reitstetter at 226-8806

18 November OCSC FSH O'Club Christmas Decorating Project

Time: 8:00am-2:00pm (come anytime and for as long as you can stay) Lunch will be provided for workers If possible, please bring a curling iron and a pair of scissors. POC: Liz Schreckhise 270-2114

19 November USARSO Hail & Farewell Sponsored by G3 USARSO Operations

Where: West wing grounds adjacent to Building 1000

Time: 1531 until ?????

Cost: \$12.00 per person to cover food, tents, etc. Tickets to be purchase by 4 Nov.

POC: G3 Maritza Santiago at 295-6393

25-28 November Thanksgiving Holidays & Training Holiday

29 November FRG Leaders' Monthly Lunch

Where: FSH O' Club

Time: 11:00-12:30pm

30 November FSH "Extravaganza" for Newcomers

Where: Roadrunner Community Center, Bldg 2797, FSH
Time: 9:00am-10:00am
Get acquainted with FSH. Organizations and services represented; prizes, food. Bring your family. Note: There will not be a Extravaganza in December. POC: ACS 221-2418

USARSO markets command at 50th annual AUSA convention

By Kevin W. Sieling

USARSO Public Affairs Office

Amidst the gymnasium size display's portraying everything from laser guided missiles to body armor stood the US Army South's 10 square foot display. Dwarfed by defense contractors and major Army commands, USARSO's success was measured by conveying the commands message, not by their display or offerings. Maj. Rich Crusan and Kevin Sieling of the USARSO Public Affairs office teamed up with See Tommee of G-5 Civil Affairs to represent USARSO and Conference of the American Armies at the 50th Annual Association of the United States Army Conference in Washington D.C. from Oct. 25 to 27 at the Washington Convention Center. With hundreds of corporations and commands in attendance, USARSO's unique mission in their area of responsibility, 31 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, and proud history drew thousands of soldiers, civilians and politicians to the booth to hear who the command is and exactly what we do on a daily basis. Working on less

than two weeks notice, the PAO/G-5 team transformed the CAA booth into a collage of USARSO and Conference of American Armies with the assistance of USARSO PA Mission Documentation Team and the Installation T&SC. Both USARSO Commanding General Jack Gardner and Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Wood attended the conference and

highlighted the commands presence. The convention afforded the command the opportunity to be seen and heard by the Army community, past and present, and those who support it. With 50 additional weeks to plan for next year's event, the PA/G-5 team is a shoe in for another successful USARSO marketing event at the 51st annual AUSA convention.



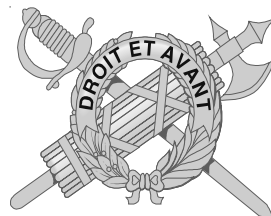
Photo by See Tommee
The USARSO display amongst giants. On two weeks notice, the USARSO PA office teamed up with USARSO G-5 to market the command at the AUSA 50th Annual convention in Washington, D.C. Oct 26 to 28.

USARSO Command Climate Assessment

Visit www.USARSO.army.mil

1-10 November 2004

**Click on "Command Climate Survey",
complete the survey, and submit it!**



1-228th Aviation Regiment opening their hearts

Just a short five minute drive south from Soto Cano Air Base Honduras lays a boys home called Hogar San Antonio de Padua, which provides a safe home for 64 boys aging from 7-16. At the home, children receive food, shelter, and a basic education.

There are 14 people employed at the boy's home, which consists of 3 kitchen staff, 1 lady responsible for washing all the laundry and 10 teachers, most all of whom live with the children at the San Antonio Home. The staff quickly become the childrens' surrogate parents. They not only help the children with their home work, teach responsibility, and keep the boys under control but also help the children work through their loneliness and any other emotional problems they maybe having while living at San Antonio away from their families.

Most children at San Antonio have similar life stories. On average these boys are one of four or more children within their family. The parents usually have very little formal schooling and cannot afford the basic necessities for all their children and are left with two very difficult choices; place the children into child labor to help support the family or hope local orphanages or children's homes have enough space to take them in. For the children of San Antonio they are the lucky ones.



The Soldiers of 1-228th Aviation Regiment have been opening their hearts and volunteering their free time to help the children of San Antonio since it was founded in 1991 by Father Emilio Cook. These Soldiers visit with the children on a monthly basis to play games with them, cook lunch for them, and make building repairs. Through individual donations the Soldiers have been able to provide the children with the necessary supplies needed for school, purchase new shoes and clothing, and pay for monthly expenses. The Soldiers show the children how to be confident, work hard, and, above all, respect themselves as well as others.

One of San Antonio's greatest success stories is that of a young man named Tony. Both of Tony's parents died when he was only 6 years old. The rest of his family could not afford to take him in and give him the care that he needed. Luckily for Tony that was the same time that Hogar San Antonio de Padua had opened its doors. Tony arrived at San Antonio suffering from malnutrition and depression. Through the years of love, support, and teachings he received from the staff at San Antonio and the Soldiers of 1-228th, Tony has graduated from high school and is now attending college where he is majoring in industrial engineering. Tony has also learned to speak English and has been working as an electrician. He occasionally returns to San Antonio to encourage the children to well in school, set goals for themselves, and never give up on their dreams.

For the Soldiers of 1-228th they hope to have 64 more success stories like Tony's within the years to come. The Soldiers have seen how their efforts can truly make a difference in so many childrens' lives.

(SUBMITTED BY: SGT Hayden)

Army Contracting Agency Booth at the National AUSA Convention Highlights Army Contingency Contracting

25 Oct 04 – The Army Contracting Agency highlighted its support of the Army forces worldwide with the agency's first ever booth at the annual Association of the United States Army (AUSA) National convention held 25 – 27

October, in Washington, DC.

The theme presented was "Army Contingency Contracting".

The booth highlighted the vital roles of the agency's theater warfighting Principle Assistants Responsible for Contracting (PARCs), who publish contracting support plans and policies in all theater operations plans to organize and control Army contingency contracting.

The booth also identified the critical support ACA Directorates of Contracting provide in terms of training and mentoring of Army contracting Soldiers, most serving in their first Acquisition Corps tour. The booth was manned by military and civilian contingency contracting personnel from throughout the Army.

ACA-The Americas was honored to have two Soldiers select to represent the ACA and USARSO, MAJ Bob Brinkmann, Chief of Mission Support Contracting, and SFC Chris Bowers, NCOIC of the South American Team. **(Submitted by: MAJ Bob Brinkmann)**



MAJ Bob Brinkmann, COL Tony Bell, and SFC Chris Bowers.

Members of the USARSO/470th team participated in the 29th Marine Corps Marathon held last week in Washington D.C. There were over 22,000 participants. From left to right, PFC Shane Houle (470th), CPT Antonio Hernandez (USARSO), 1LT Mara Eck (USARSO), SGT Wendy Capell (470th), SGT Daniel Coleman (470th)

